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1. French Communists are comparing the Korean war to the Spanish Civil War and have begun to discuss the question of recruiting volunteers for International Brigade duty in Korea.
2. The Manchurian and Mongolian governments are authorizing long leaves for officers and soldiers to enable them to volunteer for duty with the North Korean Army. An Asiatic brigade of these men will operate under the direct command of the North Korean General Staff, according to source.
 - a. Two thousand reservists have reportedly volunteered for fighting in Korea from Ulan-Bator, Mongolia.
 - b. The East German government is planning to send a few members of the Volkspolizei to Korea.

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According to an article in the Washington Post of 10 July 1950, the 9 July 1950 issue of the Berlin Socialist newspaper Berliner Stadtblatt stated that Wilhelm Zaisser, Minister of Security in the East German Government would be "one of the leaders" in recruiting personnel for International Brigades for duty in Korea.

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